

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for managing a home product supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:
 - 3 a) receiving data from a plurality of home product outlets of a home product supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of home products by the home product outlets;
 - 6 b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering home products from a home product distributor of the home product supply chain;
 - 8 c) transmitting the data to the home product distributor of the home product supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 10 d) transmitting the data to a home product supplier of the home product supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 12 e) forecasting activity in the home product supply chain utilizing the data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of home product distributors and home product suppliers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the home product outlets, the home product distributor, the home product supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the home product distributor and the home product supplier only after verification of an identity thereof.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the home product outlets, the home product
2 distributor, and the home product supplier each forecast utilizing the data.
- 1 7. A system for managing a home products supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
3 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of home products outlets of a home
4 products supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of home
5 products by the home products outlets;
6 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering home
7 products from a home products distributor of the home products supply chain;
8 c) logic for transmitting the data to the home products distributor of the home
9 products supply chain utilizing the network;
10 d) logic for transmitting the data to a home products supplier of the home products
11 supply chain utilizing the network; and
12 e) logic for forecasting activity in the home products supply chain utilizing the data.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 home products distributors and home products suppliers.
- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the home products
2 outlets, the home products distributor, the home products supplier via a network-
3 based interface.
- 1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the home products
2 distributor and the home products supplier only after verification of an identity
3 thereof.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the home products outlets, the home products
2 distributor, and the home products supplier each forecast utilizing the data.

- 1 13. A computer program product for managing a home products supply chain
2 utilizing a network, comprising:
3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of home products outlets of a
4 home products supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of
5 home products by the home products outlets;
6 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
7 ordering home products from a home products distributor of the home products
8 supply chain;
9 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the home products distributor of the
10 home products supply chain utilizing the network;
11 d) computer code for transmitting the data to a home products supplier of the home
12 products supply chain utilizing the network; and
13 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the home products supply chain utilizing
14 the data.
- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2 each of a plurality of home products distributors and home products suppliers.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2 to the home products outlets, the home products distributor, the home products
3 supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2 home products distributor and the home products supplier only after verification
3 of an identity thereof.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the home products outlets,
- 2 the home products distributor, and the home products supplier each forecast
- 3 utilizing the data.